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-RECIPE OF THE MONTH-

Easter Holiday Kulich

Submitted by: Ruth P.

Try this versatile, delicious sweet bread dough with the extrarich flavor of C&H Brown Sugar.

- -5 to 6 cups all-purpose flour
- -2 packages active dry yeast
- -½ cup C&H Golden Brown Sugar, firmly packed
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- -½ cup (1 stick) softened butter or margarine
- -1½ cups hot tap water
- -3 eggs

Icings, glaze, and fillings as desired. Combine 2 cups flour, dry yeast, brown sugar and salt in mixing bowl. Stir well to blend. Add butter and hot tap water and beat with mixer at medium speed for 2 minutes. Add eggs and 1½ cups flour. Beat 1 to 2 minutes. Gradually add remaining flour, mixing with spoon until dough leaves side of bowl. Scrape bowl often. Turn out on floured board and knead 10 minutes till smooth and elastic. Cover with towel and let rest 20 minutes. Punch down, divide and shape as desired. (Holiday Kulich, for example, is shaped in a 1 lb. coffee can. Recipe makes 3 Kuliches.) Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 2 to 24 hours. Remove from refrigerator; punch any bubbles with oiled toothpick. Let stand at room temperature 20 minutes. Bake in 375 degree oven 30 minutes. Cool on rack. You can bake an infinite variety of loaves and sweet rolls from this recipe-using your favorite icings, glazes and fillings.











-INTRODUCTION OF THE MONTH-

...CONSERVATION KOALA!!!

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FROM THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CORPS



SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION

THE CORPS AT ITS BEST

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-PROJECT OF THE MONTH-

SOME WORDS FROM THE CREW ON RENOVATING

<u>LAURELHURST 51ST AVE NE</u> STREET END - FUNDED BY SDOT

Charles L. - "It's a huge accomplishment to experience a job from start to finish and to now stand back to see all the hard work the crew did together. From pulling out English Laurel Trees, tearing apart sidewalk, grading the land, to putting up the fence, seeing the whole park come together was very rewarding. On this particular job I also got a lot of field experience, which is nice. I'd say a good 12 hours spent getting more familiar with the Bobcat, and there were a lot of trees planted."

Eli E. - "When I started working on the project I tried to image what it would look like when it was over, when the project finally was over a month later, it looked way

better than anything I envisioned. This project taught me a lot about team work. Our crew felt like we grew together throughout the course of the project and became better teammates."

Jacob G. - "When the project first started it looked like a giant mud hole. We excavated mud, laid down soil, gravel, mulch and beauty bark. We installed a rockery, picnic bench, bike rake, curb stops, fence, and then planted a variety of 7 different types of plants. The whole process seemed challenging. I wasn't used to starting a project and seeing it to the end. It was a confidence builder. I really liked being able to benefit the community and how the community em-

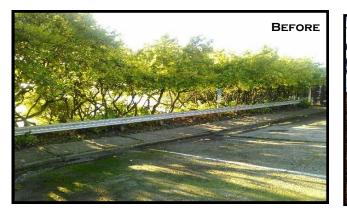
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Mike S. - "The most challenging part of the project is looking at the blue prints and adjusting it to match the lay of the land. The crew members are very hard working individuals and are easy to work with."







INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH 'BON VOYAGE' TO DARRYL G.

- *Interviewer* "Hello Darryl. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me to answer some questions about your experience here at The Corps. So, when did you first join The Conservation Corps?"
- **Darryl** "I arrived here at The Corps on March the 12th of last year, 2014, not really knowing what to expect, although happy to have been accepted into the program."
- *Interviewer* "Great. It sounds like you started out on the right foot, which probably helped a great deal, would you agree?"
- *Darryl* "Well, I have to admit, there have been some challenges none the less, but yes, remembering throughout my program here that it is a privilege to be a Corps member, and not a right, has helped me remain here through the hard times and to set aside the foolishness that comes with anything, really."
- Interviewer "With that being said, can you elaborate by letting me know in what ways The Corps has contributed to your sobriety and personal development?"
- Darryl "I can say with all honesty that The Corps has been the main source keeping me sober. It has helped keep me accountable as I made every effort to show up on time everyday, which I did, therefore I have remained accountable in my recovery, as well. I know that this transition into a new job is necessary, though, and I will remain active in both the AA and NA programs. The Conservation Corps staff have assisted me all along the way, and I know they will continue to assist me if I so choose to ask for the help. My personal development, off the top, has been slow and hard, which is pretty natural it seems, coming out from the hellish and destructive ways I was existing before I entered into sobriety, but I and others have indeed noticed positive changes. I have developed a strong sense of dedication in what I do to move forward in this life. I have gained a lot of patience and tolerance. Through my progression here at The Conservation Corps, I have established permanent housing and transportation for myself."
- *Interviewer –* "Wow. That's some huge stuff, Darryl. A lot to be proud of. Great work. How would you say your personal relationships have changed since you've joined The Corps?"
- **Darryl** "The Corps actually opened the door to friendships, when before I didn't really experience them at all. They are now possible due to some things I have gained within myself, such as self-esteem, trust and confidence"
- *Interviewer* "One of the primary focuses of The Seattle Conservation Corps is preservation of the environment. What was your perception of the outdoors before you arrived here, and what is it like now?"
- Darryl "It definitely is different now than it was at the beginning. Before, I didn't care much about any of it. It just appeared dark and black to me. Being here at The Corps where I was helping out and felt a part of, has given me respect and admiration for it. My take on the topic is to respect the environment and it will respect you. I notice nature today and it feels good."
- Interviewer "I heard you just secured a job with Pioneer Building Supply as a Delivery Truck Driver, today. Congratulations. What advice would you give fellow Corps members about how to succeed here, as it seems you have?"
- Darryl "First and foremost, BE SERIOUS about the program. When I say this,

- I mean about what it's actually intended to do, which is change lives. <u>BE SERIOUS</u> about changing your life. For myself, I needed a high level of willingness to stay in that mindset. A simple example of this is just showing up every day."
- Interviewer "Sounds great, Darryl. Do you have any additional words you'd like to share about how to make it through the journey here at The Conservation Corps with success?"
- Darryl "Yes. From the very start, you must dedicate yourself. Embrace every part of the program, the good and the bad, by living life on life's terms. By doing this, you allow the process to work for you and will see how much you can get from this program with the right mind and intentions. Complete and it will be ALL GOODER: :)"







THE CONSERVATION CORPS' VERY OWN MR. JOHN TAYLOR, PICTURED HERE WITH A FEW OF THE CHILDREN HE VOLUNTEERS HIS TIME IN TEACHING HOW TO OPERATE RC HELICOPTERS AND VARIOUS OTHER AIRCRAFTS. MR. TAYLOR BELIEVES HIS DEDICATION TO MENTORING THE CHILDREN WILL STRENGTHEN THEIR EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE IN MANY DIFFERENT AEROSPACE CAREERS. THANK YOU FOR HELPING BETTER TOMORROW FOR OUR YOUTH, MR. T!

-TESTIMONY OF THE MONTH-

SUBMITTED BY: JOSH C.

August 2014, I was accepted into the program at Seattle Conservation Corps. Within weeks of entering the program, my obligations to the courts were satisfied, and the staff at S.C.C. quickly helped me obtain my driver's license. In a short time, what seemed huge barriers between me and my next transition, dissolved. Without those obstructions blocking my view, and weighing on my mind my eyes refocused and I found myself working in Seattle's parks, being of service to Seattle's people. Seattle's parks are beautiful and diverse. The last eight months have provided me with some of my most personally gratifying work experiences. It has been a pleasure working alongside good friends to make our parks more accessible and making use of underutilized spaces. We often encounter people who are very pleased or children that are very excited about the work taking place.

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH-

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